Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Government have promised to recruit new hands from under represented areas also.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* That is not the only factor. There are several other factors also which the Government have to keep in mind. They are not making any appointments on a talukwar basis.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to publish the name of the taluk also to which the candidate belongs just as they are publishing the name of the community to which the candidate belongs in publishing the list of appointments in the Gazette.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* As the rules stand now it is not possible. For that the rules will have to be amended.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to amend the rules?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* No, because Government have not the idea to make appointments on a talukwar basis.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Is it not a fact that the Talappalli Taluk is now over-represented.

VOTERS' LIST—REVISION OF

251. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they will consider the desirability of issuing at an early date the Voters' List for the Legislative Council;

(*b*) are the Government aware of the fact that the present list is not at all up-to-date?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The Electoral Rolls will be revised as required under the Legislative Council Electoral Rules.

(*b*) No.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I know, Sir, when the preliminary electoral rolls were published. I mean the existing electoral rolls.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I think it is in 1116.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Was not the list confirmed in 1117?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* What is the period for which a list will be in force?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Three years.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Therefore is it not necessary that a new list should be published in the year 1119. Have the Government made any efforts to publish a list?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The next rolls have to be published only in 1120 and not this year.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* The preliminary rolls were published in the year 1116 and it was confirmed in 1117. So is it not necessary that the preliminary electoral rolls should be published in the year 1119?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I think the final rolls were publised only in 1118 and the preliminary electoral rolls were published at the end of 1117.

TRANSFER OF LADY CLERKS TO SCHOOLS

252. Mrs. K. Joshua *(Trichur-Women):* Will Government be pleased to State.—

(*a*) whether lady clerks have been transferred from Government Offices to schools;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) be in the affirmative, the number of clerks;

(*c*) is it a fact that clerks including ladies are to come early and go late from the offices even after office hours;

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, is it not very inconvenient to lady clerks?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No answer can be given as the peried is not specified.

(*c*) Not ordinarily, but sometimes when there is pressure of urgent work, clerks may have to work out of normal office hours.

(*d*) No answer is necessary.

Mrs. K. Joshua *(Women's Trichur):* May I know what was the reason for the transfer to schools?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Because they were not found competent for the work for which they were first appointed.

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I would supplement the answer by saying that in one or two cases these lady clerks were transferred from the Secretariat to the schools because they happened to be trained.

EXEMPTION FROM TOLL—OFFICERS OF THE AGRICULTURE AND PANCHAYAT DEPARTMENTS

253. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Officers-on-tour of the Agricultural and Panchayat Departments are exempt from paying toll;

(*b*) if not, why;

(*c*) whether they were exempt; and

(*d*) the date and the reasons for the change?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*), (*c*), (*d*) Do not arise.

PETITIONS RECEIVED BY THE DIWAN PEISHKAR—DISPOSAL OF

254. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of petitions received by the Diwan Peishkar and the number disposed of in the years 1115, 1116, 1117 and 1118;

(*b*) the number received in each of the said years and remaining undisposed at the end of each year;

(*c*) the month and year in which petitions were received and the month and year in which they were disposed of;

(*d*) the number of petitions received in each of the said years and still pending orders?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) As the petitions are not separately registered now it is not possible to furnish the information without much labour and it will not be commensurate with the public interest served.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* It is stated that the petitions are not separately registered now. May I know what is being done and what was being done formerly.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Before the Tottenham system was introduced, there was a petition register and every petition used to be registered in that register. But afterwards for every clerk there is a personal register and every paper that comes to that section, whether it is in the shape of a petition or whether it is in the shape of anything else is registered and if on the same subject more petitions than one come, they are also simply put as papers received.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Are you not in a position to gather the information required.

Mr. President: Order, order. The printed answer states that the information can be gathered with much labour.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will the Government be pleased to note that there is wide-spread complaint that petitions addressed to the Diwan Peishkar meet with much delay before being disposed of. That is my information.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It is not exactly correct with regard to every petition. Some petitions do take some time, from the nature of the facts that have to be investigated.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether there were not many petitions received in the year 1115 but still remaining undisposed of?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Not many. There may be a few petitions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know the number approximately.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I cannot say.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Has not the Diwan Peishkar, Sir, a personal Assistant?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes. he has.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are there not two assistants?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishaker):* There is only one personal assistant.

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